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by the Circars and yet I am very sorry to see that none from the Circars has been included in the Select Committee. Since the Bill proposes some important changes and seeks to vest in the Government very great powers, and since the fishermen, especially in the Circars, are very ignorant people, I believe the hon. the Minister for Public Health is doing them an injustice by not including any Member from the Circars in the Select Committee. I make it clear that I am not at all anxious to be on the committee. My only desire is that the interests of the fishermen in the Circars should be safeguarded."

* Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Sir, I formally move that Messrs. Saldanha and Biswanath Das may be added to the Select Committee."

* Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" Sir, as it is, the list contains 13 names and 13 is a bad number. Therefore the number may be safely increased by adding to the committee the names of one or two Members who can appreciate the different varieties of fish."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" I have no objection to include the two names suggested."

* The hon. the President :—" The hon. Minister has accepted the suggestion to include the names of Messrs. Saldanha and Biswanath Das."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" Sir, may I also propose the Advocate-General's name to be included."

The House agreed and the Advocate-General's name was included.

* The hon the President :—" I appoint Mr. Schamnad Sahib to be the Chairman of the Committee."

X

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Standing Order 9.

* Mr. T. R. Venkatarama Sastriyar :—" I ask for leave to amend Standing Order 9 (1) as follows :—

' *Add* the following at the end of Standing Order No. 9 (1) :—

" *Such notices may be left at the Council Office even when the Council is not in session or has not been constituted. The notices may also be left by a member, elected or nominated, even before he is sworn in.*" '

" This, Sir, is in accordance with the existing practice and I am only regularizing it by introducing this amendment to the Standing Order."

The motion was put and carried.

Standing Order 37.

* Mr. T. R. Venkatarama Sastriyar :—" I ask for leave to amend Standing Order 37 as follows :—

' *Add the following as clause* (2) *of Standing Order* 37 *and number the existing Standing Order as clause* (1) *of that Standing Order* :—

" (2) *If the Council agrees to such a motion, the Secretary shall send a copy of the Bill to Government in the Law* (*Legislative*) *Department for publication in the* Fort St. George Gazette" .' "

The motion was put and carried.

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STANDING ORDER 38.

* Mr. T. R. VENKATARAMA SASTRIYAR :—"I ask for leave to amend Standing Order 38 (1) as follows:—

'*I. In Standing Order 38 (1) after the words 'published in the Gazette' insert the words 'under the preceding Standing Order or under rule 18 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules.'*

II. *Add* the following proviso to Standing Order 38 (1):—

"Provided that where printed copies of the Bill have been furnished to each Member of the Council, not less than six days before the motion for leave to introduce a Bill is made under the preceding Standing Order, the Member in charge may, immediately on such motion being agreed to by the Council, introduce the Bill."

The motion was put and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Since the Members of the Select Committee have to be selected by means of the single transferable vote in accordance with the regulations framed in this behalf, I fix 2 p.m. to-morrow as the time within which nominations may be handed over to the Secretary. I appoint Mr. B. Muniswami Nayudu, being a Chairman of the Council, to be a Member of the Committee."

XI

DISCUSSION RE BUSINESS FOR NEXT DAY.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"There is no further business on the agenda for to-day and I wish to know from the hon. the Leader of the House whether he has any objection if the Council wishes to go on from to-morrow with the non-official work."

* The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"The Government have no objection to that, Sir."

* Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"If there is no agenda for to-day and if we go on now with any business for which we have had no notice, it would be very inconvenient for us."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"No, no, not for to-day. We are only considering whether we go on with the non-official work from to-morrow."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"To-morrow we can take up non-official business."

* Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"If it is the wish of the hon. the Leader of the House and also the Leader of the Opposition that we should go on with the non official work from to-morrow, for our part, we have no objection and we are quite willing to go on with the non official work from to-morrow."

* Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know whether that would mean that we have no Council meeting on Saturday?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I think the Council will sit to-morrow (20th), 21st and 22nd and all the three days will be non-official days."

The House then adjourned at 2-55 p.m. to meet at 11 a.m. the next day.

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.